THREE KENTUCKY MURDERERS VICTIMS OF A MOB.

ONE SHOT, THE OTHERS HANGED

HAD STABBED TWO BROTHERS TO DEATH IN A QUARREL.

One of the Victims Had Been Five Times on Trial for His Life-Kansas Farmer's Wife Docs Murder-Other Crimes

Reported.

Russellville, Ky., Dec. 18.-Swaying to and fro in the breezes a half mile south, hanging to a little cedar tree, are the bodies of Dink and Arch Proctor, and lying in the county jail here is the dead body of Will Proctor, half brother to Dink. At 2 g'clock this morning a mob visited the county jail, and after battering down the front door and forcing the jailer to give up the keys went to the cells of the Proctors. The oldest, Will Proctor, cursed the mob and was shot dead in his cell. The other two were taken out and hanged.

The town has been full of people to-day and a constant stream of humanity flowed out to where the bodies of Dink and Arch Proctor, father and son, were found hanging to a little cedar tree this morning Both were strangled to death. Beneath their feet, which were only about one foot from the ground, was what is called a "silver hat" and just a few feet away was a rope with a noose already prepared. This, it is thought, was prepared for Bill Proctor, who was shot in the back while crouching in a corner of his cell in the county jail. He called the mob all kinds of vile names and said: "I know my time

The cause of the trouble was a double killing on the night of October 24, when Aaron and Dr. Crafton were stabbed in Adairville, twelve miles from this city. The party had been engaged in a game of cards and a difficulty arose. It was settled, as some thought, but at the midnight the contract of the cards are the contract were below the nour, when the Proctors were helping the Craftons off, carrying goods to them, an-other quarrel arose and Aaron Crafton was stabbed to death and Dr. Crafton teceived what proved to be a fatal wound. The Proctors, a week ago, had their exarrining trial, charged with the murder of Aaron Crafton, and Dink and Bill, half brothers, were acquitted and Arch held over under bond for \$2,000. Their examining trial for the killing of Dr. Cratton was set for to-day, and it is supposed that the releasing of Bill and Dink on the formcharge precipitated the trouble.

Five times before has Bill Proctor been

tried for his life and each time he has been when the money is returned, but will at It is said that he has been connected directly or indirectly with fifen killings in this section. Bill Proctor has been regarded as the shrewdest criminal this country has ever known. No tears are being shed, as the Proctors have been the terror of the county for years.

FOR AN OLD MURDER.

Arthur Platt, Who Killed Jesse Tyre. in Kentucky in 1885, Ar-

rested in London. Lordon, Dec. 18.-Arthur Platt, who had been serving six months in Oxford iall. having been convicted of burglary, was arrested to-day as he was leaving that institution, charged with the murder of Jesse Tyre, at the Eastern lunatic asylum Lexington, Ky., in December, 1885. The prisoner admitted his identity. He was harged with the crime at Bow street police court to-day. He did not say any was brought up in the extradition court before Magistrate Bridge. When Platt was asked if he had any question to put, he replied: "No. it is all perfectly straight. his manner, but had a sullen demeanor

He was remanded for a week.

Mr. Hobson was present in behalf of the United States embassy and he was acmjanied by an officer from Lexingto the United States when his extradition is granted. Platt refused to say where he had been since 18%, but the Scotland Yard detectives believe he has been in different

NO FURTHER TROUBLE FEARED.

Matters Quieting Down at Perkins, O. T .- Coroner's Jury Still in Session. Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 18,-(Special.) Mat-

ters are quieting down at Perkins to-day and no further trouble is apprehended as the result of the murder of Morrow and the tatal injury of his daughter. The coroner's jury is still in session, but if they have developed any clues they are keeping them very quiet. A bloody ax has been found with which the murderer operated and a peny found wandering in the v.cons is identified as the one a negro wa seen riding toward the scene of the mur der a short time before it was committed of the negroes suspected as the one who rode the horse. The injured girl is still never conscious. Laughlin, the only negro suspect who has been held, is safe in the coln and Logan counties, who have been present with posses all day, have had the scene of the murder surveyed and find the erime was committed in Lincoln county ot over six feet from the corner of th

FEIGNING INSANITY.

Mike Strode Making Things Interest ing for the Officials of Bour-

bon County, Kas. Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 18 - (Special.) Mike Strode, the desperado captured Wednesday waring the bartle between the officers and the gang of outlaws, to-day made two desperate attempts to fire the county fail, and also attempted to scald some of the other prisoners with a pan of hot water. He is felgning insanity, although physicians who examined him to-day say he is all right

mentally. He to-day wrote the following letter, which he demanded should be sent: To Major McKinley: The weather is still here. So you are elected. I hear you want a tire chief. Apples is 15 cents a peck. Tell Senator Gorman you heard fro hose reels. Your schoolmate

"SIGNOR MATCHA" From letters found on him it is known he is from Kansas City.

FOR THE MINDEN, MO., ROBBERY, Two Men Arrested in Bourbon County,

Kas., After a Hard Chase. Fort Scott, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) Depnty Sheriff Downey arrived late this even ing from the southeastern part of the county with two prisoners who give their

mames as Frank Welch and James Clark.

who are being held charged with holding

Missouri Pacific at Minden, Mo., Wednes-Welch, who is about 25 years old, was saptured by a posse of farmers after an exchange of several shots, and Clark, who about 22, caught after a three-mile chase by Deputy Downey. The men will be tak-en to Lamar as soon as the Missouri officers arrive.

A DEFAULTER FOR \$100,000.

Trusted Treasurer of a Boston Trust Company Confesses to Whole-

sale Peculations. Boston, Dec. 18,-Frank C. Miles, for more than twenty years the trusted treasurer of the Boston Safe Deposit and Trust Company, one of the oldest and most con-servative of the city's banks, is a defaulter for at least \$100,000. The defalcation was vered late this afternoon by the pres-. Miles has confessed that he has misapplied securities which may involve a loss to the company of from \$50,000 to \$100,-109. The company holds a responsible bond

of indemnity in the sum of \$20,000 Miles had been treasurer of the institu-tion since it began business in 1875, and during all the twenty-one years had handled the funds of the company in the most a whisper being heard as to his integrity until to-day.

At a late hour to-night the examining committee was still in session at the bank trying to accertain if \$100,000 covered the entire deficit.

Miles' arrest were prepared, but it is too late for the granting of such a warrant to-day. Mr. Lincoln stated to the Associated Press reporter that the securities of the company had probably been hypothecated by Miles and the money raised on them ed in speculation Miles, who is 46 years old, had a luxuri-

WILL RETURN THE MONEY. Mrs. Adams and J. H. Houston Promise to Give Up the \$600 They

ous home at 346 Beacon street.

Stole From Adams. Leavenworth, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) After undergoing a sweating process of ten hours late to-night, Mrs. Adams the divorced wife of Frank Adams, of Tennessee, and her brother, J. H. Houston, agreed to return the \$600 which had been stolen fron. Adams last Wednesday morning, when he was supposed to be dying from the effects of morphine, alleged to have been given him by Mrs. Adams and her brother, Houston, with murderous intent. The woman was the first to break down and make overtures looking to immunity from punishment in case of the return of the money. Houston, while not acknowledging that he took the cash, or knew anything in connection with its disappearance, assumed the position that, as proprictor of the house, he was morally responsible for the loss, and would for this reason make the loss good. Adams and his daughter, Myrtle, are satisfied with this adjustment, and will not prosecute once return to their home at Adamsville. Tenn. Mrs. Adams and Houston will remain in jail to-night. They have agreed to turn over the \$600 to-morrow morning.

SEDALIA WOMAN HELD UP.

Man Demanded Her Money and Afterward Made an attempt to Assault Her.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18.-(Special.) Miss tempt made to rob and assault her at the front gate of her home in the southeastern part of the city at 6 clock this evening. She was returning home from work Katie Ashwell was held up and an at ing. She was returning home from work when a man seized her and demanded her money. She answered that she had none with her, but this did not satisfy the fiend, who dragged her more than a block, evilently with the intention of assaulting her. The approach of a neighbor alone saved her. The entire police force of the city was summoned to the scene, but they have poor description of the assailant and capture is by no means certain. This is the fifth case of the kind that has oc urred recently, and if the assallant is captured he will not get off lightly.

KANSAS WOMAN A MURDERESS. Douglas County Farmer's Wife Kills Her Husband and Fatally

Wounds Herself. Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 18 .- (Special.) Mrs August Bierman shot and instantly killed ber husband last night, and then turned the revolver on herself and attempted to commit suicide. The shooting took place at the Bierman home five miles west of utside a window watching a train pass by and his wife shot him in the back, the bullet penetrating the heart. She then tried to kill herrelf. The only reason she ave for the deed was that she did not sorry that she had killed him. She ers and own considerable land west of Law-

BURGLARS AT SEDALIA.

Get \$300 Worth of Goods, but Are Forced to Drop Them.

Schulin, Mo., Dec. 18,-(Special.) Thiever made a \$300 haul from E. E. Johnston's elething store at an early hour this morn ing, but all of the goods were recovered after Officer W. H. Boultt had fired two left behind an overcoat, hat, memorandum book and three brass transfer checks upo Sears." The memorandum book entries show one of the thieves was in Kansas City recently, and it is believed he belongs there Information has been forwarded. Chief of Police Flahive, of the Kansas in the belief that the gang will return there.

Murder and Suicide.

St. Louis, Dec. 18.-Anton Benning, nuckster, returned to his home about sclock to-night and found the dead body of his wife stretched upon a cot in on oom, and in the front room the corpse o his step-brother, Henry Kemmerling, both in death. It is believed Kemmerling was in love with the weman and killed her

Pupil Whips the Teacher.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18.—(Special.) Pro-lessor E. W. Rose, of the Green Ridge pubic schools, struck West Perdue, a 16-year old pupil, over the head with a ruler tofav. because the boy did not know his les Perdue resented the chastisement and gave Rose a severe beating, as well as slashed his hand with a knife. This is the

Arrested for the Yogum Murder.

Independence, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) It is now thought that the assassins of J. M. Yocum, who was shot in his house at Oolagah, I. T., just as he was retiring. have been secured. Sharp Rogers and hi brother, Sam, have been arrested upon sus-picion, and it is generally believed that they are the guilty parties.

Two Children Kidnaped.

Florence, Ala., Dec. 18.-Fannie and Ella mon, children of J. M. C. Solomon, of Continued on Second Page,

REPUBLICAN CONGRESSMEN TALK OF THE COMING CABINET,

WILL TRY TO BREAK INTO IT.

THREE ELIGIBLES DISCUSSED, BUT NO ONE CHOSEN.

It Is Believed That Major Warner's Chances Are Best-Chauncey L. Filley and Dr. Emil Pretorius the Other Men Talked Of.

Washington, Dec. 18 .- (Special.) Missouri is making a bid for a cabinet place under McKinley. The first step to bring the claims of the state prominently to the notice of the new administration was taken conservative and careful manner, not even this evening. A meeting of the Republican members of the house took place at the capitol, at which all were present. The avowed object was to make a combined protest against the removal of Jefferson barracks from St. Louis, but primarily it was to decide upon some eligible Republic an from the state to urge upon Major Mc Kinley for a cabinet place.

There was no unanimity as to a candidate, and three names were presented and discussed. They were Major Warner, of Kansas City: Dr. Emil Pretorius and Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis. The delegation split on these names, and the meeting adjourned until next week without reaching an agreement. It was agreed, however, to select one of the three and present his name as the unanimous choice of the Missouri delegation.

It is believed that Major Warner has the best prospects. There is no crystalized opposition to him, while several of the Missourians are bitterly hostile to Filley.

Dr. Pretorius is the editor of the Westliche Post, one of the most influential German papers in the country. While he is not generally known throughout the state, he represents a large German-American element in the country at large and his candidacy is likely to grow formidable in the event that McKinley should follow the example of President Hayes and recognize the German vote in his cabinet.

VEST AND FRANCIS.

The Senator Denies That He Is Delaying the Latter's Confirmation as Secretary.

Washington, Dec. 18.-(Special.) Senator Vest to-day took occasion to deny that he was in any way implicated in holding up the confirmation of Secretary Francis until after the senatorial election in Missouri. "It is absurd," said Senator Vest. "There is not a Palmer or a McKinley Democrat in the Missouri legislature and I do not see how Secretary Francis could be a factor in the election of a United States senator from my state. Besides this, the regular Democrats, who supported Bryan, have clear majority on joint ballot over all other parties, and I have no opposition in

my own party.

It has been common talk about the capto ever since congress reassembled that the silver senators propose to get even with the administration for its unfriendly attitude in the recent campaign, and would defeat every recess appointment of a gold Democrat. It was thought that an eve tion would be made in Francis' case be cause of the practice of the senate to confirm cabinet officers without delay. fact, however, that his appointment was not confirmed, and that, on the other hand, it could have been confirmed if the Missouri senators had demanded it, shows that Senator Vest is responsible.

ome interesting letters from Missouri, which have driven him to seek refuge in to blame for the holdup in the senate. He has discovered that Francis has a host of men of his party, whose influence in the legislature is something to be reckoned senator that if he goes too far in his resentiment against the ex-governor makes a martyr of him, he will hurt self. Vest is not in a position to incur any enmity and does not want to appear just now to be the cause of the failure of the senate to confirm Francis. The fact nevertheless remains that Francis' confirmation

Of Interest to Missouri Editors.

Sedalia, Mo., Dec. 18,-(Special.) At the J. West Goodwin, editor of the Sedulia Eszoo, has prepared a bill which will be introduced in the legislature early next month, providing that the secretary of state shall designate two weekly or daily newspapers of different political faiths in each county of this state and in the city of St. Louis in which shall be published. all laws of a general nature enacted at each session of the legislature. The papers to receive, as compensation, from 30 to 60 cents per 100 words,

Allerton Wants to Be Senator.

Chicago, Dec. 18.-Hon, Samuel W. Alwho has been urged by some friends for the position of secretary of ag-riculture in President McKinley's cabinet, rounced himself to-day as a candidate. United States senator. Headquarters will be opened to-morrow and an active

DESERTS PULPIT FOR STAGE. Episcopal Pastor of Saginaw, Mich.,

Resigns and Will Star in Shakespearean Plays.

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 18.-Rev. Benjamin T. Trego, of St. John's Episcopal church, has resigned. On January I, it is said, he will leave the active ministry and take up the stage, of which he has long been an ardent student, having written several meritorious plays. Clay Clement, an old angements with Mr. Trego to star with him in Shakespearean plays. Mr. Trego refuses to confirm this report, but admits he has received several offers from man agers, including Mr. Clay Clement. will go to New York soon to decide upon

of St. George's Episcopal church, Detroit He is a graduate of Nasshotah seminary and has been regarded as a rather high churchman.

Trained Nurses Barred

his future course.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 18.-A new ruling has been made by the secretary of the treasury on the alien labor law. The question was raised in this city two years ago, as to whether the Canadian trained nuce come to this country to work in hospitals do so in violation of the law. It was then held that they could not be interfered , as they were professional persons, the secretary of the treasury has ruled that these nurses can be decorted.

BY AND BY.



The Administration Will Determine on Its Cuban Policy in Course of Time.

OBJECT OF HAVING OFFICES GIVEN TO OUTSIDERS.

SOME INTERESTING RECORDS.

RECENT CONVERTS WHO ARE CLAM- in Douglas county. ORING FOR PLACES.

All Were After Jobs as Republicans Only a Few Months Ago, and Now Are Begging the Populists for Pie-Kansas Politics.

Topeka, Dec. 18 .- (Special.) The political inebriates in the Populist party have become alarmed already over the recognition shown the free silver Republicans by Governor-elect Leedy and an organized effort will be made to check the appointment of any more so-called "Republicans." The first step in that direction was taken toadministration were obtained and compari- Arbuckles, "the coffee kings,"

year. Governor-elect Leedy's attention will be called to this, and he will be implored by the Populists to ignore the balance of ond to the Arbuckles in the coffee business the silver applicants and dish out the offices to the members of his own party. Mr. Leedy, the leaders of the free silver Mr. Leedy, the leaders of the free silver duce the price of their coffee ½ a cent a pound, and this has been followed by an

the governor-elect follows: Webb McNall, candidate for railroad commissioner, was a candidate for the same place two years ago. He bothered the life out of Governor Morrill and the other members of the executive council, His stack of indorsements is still on file in the secretary of state's office. He was the favorite candidate of the railroads then, and that is what heat him out of the place. The administration decided that it would be better to appoint members of the board whose claims were not urged so

strongly by the roads. R. W. Turner, who is after the supreme court clerkship, did not leave the Republican party until he had obtained all the favors possible. He was candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in the carry his own county and became disgruntled and left the party. Now he one of the best offices in the gift of the

Populist party. W. F. Federman has renewed his appliation for secretary of the railroad board. He pursued that office with great vim two rears ago, but it was decided that he was accompetent to fill it and he was turned He believes that he is competent to fill the place under the Populists, working for the appointment. T dorsements which he filed two years ago will not be filed with the incoming officials, C. W. McDonald, of Concordia, has an itching to fill the office of bank commisloner. He filed an application backed by all the indorsements he was able to scrape up two years ago. It did him no good, and now he expects the place under the Pons Among other candidates for

pellate judge. He is engaged in making life miserable to the Populist leaders now Governor Morrill two years ago that he would be satisfied with almost anything, has renewed his proposition to Leedy.

Dan McTaggart was also refused appointter book, and he is now found industrious-

Shawnee county Republican convention on saw gallant service as captain of the brilliant in harmonious coloring for county attorney last summer, wants to be commissioner of elections of Topeka. Infantry.

Kansas State Supplies. Topeka, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) The

chases aggregated \$40,000 in cost, Goods; and had served in the state legislature,

large contracts, but they had to figure very K. U. Kansas Day Speaker. Lawrence, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) The Kansas University McKinley Club met this morning and elected Thomas Harley

leading Kansas City merchants obtained

One Is a Jointkeeper.

the Kansas Day Club programme. Harley

Topeka, Kas., Dec. 18.—(Special.) Fur-ther investigation to-day developed the fact that one of the colored persons appointed on the inaugural reception committee by the Shawnee county Populists is the mosnotorious jointkeeper in Topeka

SUGAR TRUST ON THE WARPATH After the Arbuckles for Daring to Venture Into the Sugar Re-

fining Business. Toledo, O., Dec. 18.-The American Sugar Sugar Trust, has closed a deal for 1,100 shares of stock of the Woolson Spice Company, of this city, being eleven-eighteenths of its total stock. The price paid is \$1.265, day, when the names of all the free silver applicants for places under the incoming is an interesting one. Some time ago, the sons made with the list of applicants for out into sugar business. A large refinery office under Governor Morrill two years ago. Strange as it may seem, those at ago. Strange as it may seem, those at American Sugar Relining Company. The work on the comparison found that all of the free silver Republicans now seeking considered an intrusion. At first the re-Arbuckles, and hence this deal with the Woolson people, who are a very close sec-The first effect of the purchase was evidenced to-day when the Woolson company In the exhibit which will be sprung on the country that they had decided to reportion of the "memorial" concerning the announcement from the Arbuckles that the leaders, as prepared for the information of price of their coffee to their Ohio consumers had been similarly reduced 1 a pound, which means that the first guns have been fired and that the fight is al-ready on for supremacy in the coffee trade. "From all that I can learn by the reports urrent in the trade," said a prominent opinion that the fight now on will b fought to the bitter end."

ROSWELL G. HORR DEAD.

Michigan Ex-Congressman Succumbs to Bronchitis and Bright's Disease at Plainfield, N. J.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 18.-Congre Roswell G. Horr died to-night at II o'clock.



HON, ROSWELL G. HORR

board of charities is one Lafe H. Thomp-son, of Norton. The books show that he after an illness of two weeks with bronwas a Republican candidate for appellate chitis and Bright's disease, judge two years ago.

Roswell G. Horr was born November 25, While at Clyde two years ago Major Dates is sought the position of director of the penitentiary. He failed of appointment, moved to Topeka, and is now a full-fled ged candidate for the same place under Governor-elect Leedy.

"Captain J. J. Milier, North Topeka, adjutant general," is the way it reads on Governor Morrill's old list, "Captain J. J. Miller, North Topeka, adjutant general," is the way it reads on Leedy's list of applicants.

There was another North Topekan, named Harry Miller, who applied for a job under the Republicans two years ago, He has also made application for "something" under the Populist.

One of the most persistent candidates for office two years ago was Judge James M. Ray, of Sumner, He wanted to be an appellate judge. He is engaged in making life miserable to the populist leaders now While at Clyde two years ago Major Da- 1830, in Waitsville, Vt. He received his ed-

Washington, Dec. 18.-A private dispatch received here to-night announces the death to-day of Captain George E. Lemon. this city, at Coronado Beach, Cal., where he went some time ago to recuperate his ment, according to the Republican pie hun-shattered health. Captain Lemon was probably the best known pension agent in . t work for a position on the board of the country and was publisher of the National Tribune, devoted to the interests of tional Tribune, devoted to the interests of
D. C. Tillotson, who was defeated in the the soldiers. During the war Captain Lemon saw gallant service as captain of the brilliant in harmonious coloring and elo-

Burlington, Kas., Dec. 18.-(Special.) state board of charities completed its work. Charles Puffer, one of the oldest citizens of awarding contracts for supplies for the of Coffey county, died here last night, aged various state institutions to-day. The pur-

were all bought much cheaper this time than ever before, except flour. Competition was flerce in all lines. Some of the

COMMERCIAL DAY CELEBRATED LAST NIGHT.

BANQUET HELD AT MIDLAND. as the Kansas university representative on

was an active campaign speaker last fall REPRESENTATIVE BUSINESS MEN OF KANSAS CITY PRESENT.

> Large and Distinguished Andience of Members of the Commercial Club and Invited Guesta-Mayor Walbridge, St.

> > Louis, a Guest.

The second annual banquet of the Commercial Club, commemorating the establishment of the commercial independence Refining Company, better known as the of this country, was given at the Midland hotel last night. More than 200 of the representative business men of the city and



JOHN JAY, Who Gave Commercial Independence to

invited guests sat down to the tables. The guest of honor was Mayor C. P. Walbridge. of St. Louis, Governor E. N. Morrill, of Kansas, who was to have responded to the toast, "Kansas and Kansas City," was not able to be present, and Major Warner re-

sponded to the toast. The spacious dining room of the Midland was lavishly decorated with the national colors, flowers and tropical plants, Graceful festoons of red, white and blue ran the entire circuit of the wainscoting. The fireplace on the south side of the room was hidden beneath a mass of national color and banked roses and ferns. National flags were arranged at either side and a picture of John Jay, who negotiated for America the treaty with England which achieved this country's commercial independence, surmounted the fireplace.

These decorations, however, lavish though they were, were sparse and poor compared with those which graced the immense fireplace at the west end of the room, in the rear of the head table. Over the grate were two massive banks of potted plants and flowers, while above was this legend in pink, white and crimson roses: "Make Kansas City a Good Place to Live In." Two immense national flags were suspended at either side of the fireplace. Each of the many windows of the dining

HON, FRANK A. FAXON. Who Performed the Dutles of Toustmaster in an Able Manner

Hon. Frank A. Faxon acted as toastmas

ter and occupied the center seat at the head table. On either side were the following:

Hcn. J. V. C. Karnes, Hon. Gardiner

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CAMERON RESOLUTION TO BE RE-PORTED TO THE SENATE.

OLNEY'S PROTEST OF NO AVAIL.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZES THE IN-DEPENDENCE OF CUBA.

REPORT TO BE MADE MONDAY.

WILL NOT BE PRESSED UNTIL AFT ER THE HOLIDAYS.

Little Doubt That the Resolution Will Be Adopted, and It May Carry Over a Veto-Spain Will Probably Regard It as a Casus Belli.

THE CAMERON RESOLUTION. Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of United States of America, in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be, and the same is hereby, acknowledged by the United States of

America. Section 2. That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to bring to a close the war between Spain and

Washington, Dec. 18.-The meeting of the senate committee on foreign relations today was important in two respects. It resulted in an agreement to report the Cameron resolution for the recognition of Cuban independence, and it developed, through the statement of Secretary Olney, the administration's policy in regard to the insurrection in Cuba.

The secretary occupied the greater part of the time of the meeting answering questions and suggestions made by members of the committee. He and Senator Morgan engaged in several spirited colloquies. Mr. Olney made two points against the Camer-

on resolution, as follows: "First-That the Cuban insurgents have established no government.

"Second-That the right to recognize a new state rests with the president, independent of congressional action." He contended, in elaboration of the first point, that the pretended government of the island was without habitation.

"Suppose you recognize the independence of the island," he said; "what are you going to do with it?" "I, for one," said Senator Morgan, "while advocating this recognition, want it understood that I am opposed to annexation."

"How, then, would you maintain its in-

dependence?" asked the secretary, hidself becoming interlocutor. "How would you, for instance, prevent Spanish domination over the island? "I would," replied the Alabama senator, "establish, if need be, a protectorate. I would follow much the same policy that we

are pursuing with regard to Hawaii, and I would send an army of occupation to the island, if necessary, as we did in the case of Mexico." The secretary made the impression upon some of the members of the committee, by the way he pursued this line of inquiry, that while he was disposed to hold out strongly for the president's prerogative, he was not nearly so strongly opposed to Cuban independence as he had been a year

ago, and that he would be entirely recon-

ciled to it if satisfied as to the future

course to be pursued. He did not dissent

strongly from a point made that his own

report showed a sufficient cause for action,

and he admitted that a state of affairs

which permits the killing of American cit-

izens and the destruction of American property was deplorable. "They are, however," he added, "the incidents of war."

"Not of war properly conducted, but of anarchy," was the respon The secretary set at rest the story which has been very industriously circulated that Consul General Lee had provided the state department with an elaborate report on the condition of affairs in Cuba. "It is not true." he said. "General Lee has made no general written report at all. He has made reports on several special cases, but not on

the situation as a whole." It also developed during the examina tion that the government has made no demand in the case of the Competitor and in other cases of a similar character beyond requests for information.

While the committee will report the resolution, as agreed upon. Monday, it is not expected that the question will be pressed until after the holidays. The disposition of the committee will be to press the resolution to a speedy determination as soon as possible after the question is once taken up for debate.

All of the members of the committee except Messrs, Gray and Daniel were present when the committee met this morning. The meeting was strictly private, Mr. Oiney being the only person not a member of the committee who was admitted to the conference. Soon after Mr. Olney had left the room the committee, without division, agreed to report the Cameron resolution as follows, after amending its title to cend: "A joint resolution acknowledging the independence of the republic of Cuba:"

"Resolved, By the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America, in congress assembled, that the independence of the republic of Cuba be and the same is hereby acknowledged by

the United States of America. "Section 2. That the United States will use its friendly offices with the government of Spain to close the war between

Spain and Cuba." The only division was as to the time the resolution should be reported to the senate. Mr. Cameron moved its report Monday, and Mr. Sherman suggested that the report should not be put in until after the

holidays. When the question was put to

the committee, the Cameron motion prevailed by a large majority. Members of the committee are very reticent as to what Secretary Olney said or what advice he gave, but it is very certain that he advised against any action, especially such as that contemplated, as no doubt was expressed that such action

would involve war with Spain. One member of the committee said: "Of course Spain will fight. The Spaniards do not know any better. But there is no dam-